RNA *For a Better Life in the Heights* August 2002

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Historic Designation for Holland Street

Holland Street with its uniquely laid cobblestones and sweeping vista of the Manhattan skyline is about to enter a new era. The first step is on August 12th, when the **Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy** will request that the **Jersey City Historic Commission** recommend Holland Street for the Municipal Land Use Register. After receiving a letter of recommendation from the Historic Commission, Holland Street will then go before the **Planning Board** for review and another letter of recommendation. When that is obtained the **City Council** will then vote on the final approval for Holland Street to be included in the Municipal Register.

The recognition of Holland Street's historical significance has for too long been ignored. Historic designation will also help insure that the cobblestones, retaining walls and the visual ambiance will not be altered. After receiving historic designation any "improvement" to Holland Street must be reviewed and approved by the Historic Commission. Residents of the community have been researching the history of Holland Street, from the 1850's as a plank walkway from the Hoboken Ferry up the Palisade Cliffs to the new development of Johnsonville (Central Ave. and Charles St.) in Hudson City. An updated timeline of Holland Street's history will be available at the next RNA meeting.

The Historic Commission meeting to consider the Holland Street recommendation is **August 12th** at **6:30 p.m., City Hall-Caucus Room, 280 Grove Street.** Show your support for Holland Street by attending! For more information call **Clif, 386-9481.**

RNA MEETING: Tuesday, Aug. 13th: 7:15 PM

There have been a lot of changes in our community during the last few months. Some good and unfortunately, some potentially harmful. A good trend is that the Mayor's office, the Council, the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works and the Police are acting on our problems and concerns, and working with the new RNA administration to improve our quality of life.

However, there are also several development projects that are already being built or just proposed that could drastically change the character of our neighborhood. They are both large scale: Gateway and Cliff-Side and small: 122-124 Ogden Avenue and 117-119 Mountain Road.

RNA asks all its members, friends and neighbors to attend the August meeting to discuss these important issues.

GATEWAY-101 MARSHALL

As of August 1st, the **City of Jersey City** and the **City Council of Hoboken** have officially filed papers to intervene in the lawsuit initiated by the **Hudson County Alliance** (HCA) against the **Hoboken Zoning Board, the Gateway developers, the North Hudson Sewerage Authority and the Hoboken Construction** official.

Hoboken and Jersey City have requested an expedited hearing on **Friday, August 9th** to seek an injunction to stop construction on this twin 17-story project that is currently being built below our community.

HCA is looking for volunteers for fundraising and community awareness events. For more information, come to RNA's August 13th meeting.

COMMUNITYUPDATES

On July 9th, the **Jersey City Planning Board** voted on two issues of importance to our community.The first item was the proposed city-wide **zoning amendment** allowing for curb cuts, front yard parking and carports. During the public speaking session, neighborhood associations and homeowners spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments. As expected, the only support for the changes came from a lawyer representing various developers. The amendments were defeated 0-6.

The **Jehovah Witness** (JW) facility, as described in the July 2002 RNA newsletter, was also voted on. Before the presentation, an agreement was reached between RNA and the **Heights Hope Neighborhood Association** with the JW. The project was approved by the Planning Board with two conditions attached: 1) the historic house at the corner of South St. and Palisade Ave. will be preserved and, 2) the cars parked beneath the building and protruding beyond the first floor building line along South St. and New York Ave. will now be within the building line. Additional decorative fencing and shrubbery will be used to screen the cars from view.

RNA has just received a new set of amended plans for the **Cliff-Side project** (the old Kovan's Boiler/bookbindery building on Paterson Plank Road) from the developer. This project will be discussed at RNA's August meeting.

Visit **Sgt. Anthony Block Association's Farmer's Market** every Monday from 12 Noon to 7:00 PM, in front of their Park, located on Palisade Avenue and State Highway.

The **Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy** will give a walking tour of **Reservoir #3** on Sunday, August 18th @11:00 a.m. Meet at the Arch in Pershing Field on Summit Avenue.

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RNA MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th
7:15 PM

Location: Harbor View
Health Care Center

You are urged to attend this meeting to discuss important issues in our community.

You are also invited to bring your own concerns and problems.

River View Park, Jersey City Heights, N.J.

(Postcard, circa 1908)

[From the Ted Conrad Collection]

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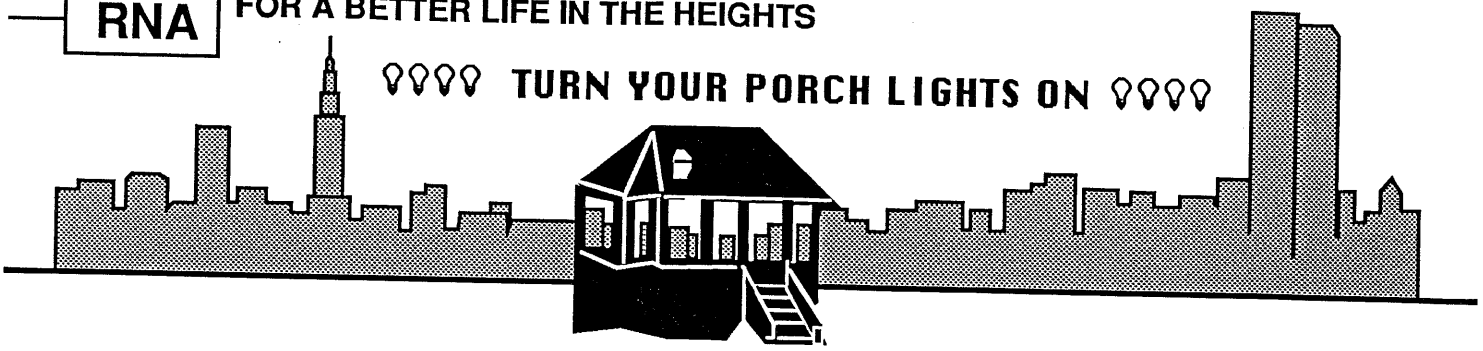
TURN YOUR PORCH LIGHTS ON



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS in the PARK

at the

NATIONAL NIGHT-OUT

Tuesday, August 7th, 6-9 PM

JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUMMER COOK-OUT

RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK

at the PAVILION ON OGDEN AVENUE

Join your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled night of free food, refreshments and many more activities:

☞ MEET MAYOR GLENN CUNNINGHAM

& CHIEF OF POLICE PETER BEHRENS

☞ PAINT YOUR OWN TILE FOR THE PARK'S TILE PROJECT

☞ SEE McGRUFF, the ANTI-CRIME MASCOT

☞ MUSIC AND MANY MORE SURPRISES

GET INVOLVED!
Come to the next RNA Meeting
on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR -
KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN!

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COMING EVENTS:

RNA MONTHLY MEETING:

Tuesday, August 14th, 7 PM
LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CTR

* Update on local issues & concerns
* Discussion of Summer Activities
* Police NTF Report / NID Update

SUPPORT OUR FIGHT
AGAINST MILLENIUM TOWERS !

HELP RNA PAY ITS LEGAL BILL FOR OUR ATTORNEY. Contributions of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the **Riverview Neighborhood Association,** which is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Company matching gifts accepted.

SUMMER in the PARK:

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK
Hudson Shakespeare Company's
RICHARD III
Wednesday, Aug. 15th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
For info, call (201)865-1436 or visit their website at:*commmunity.nj.com\cc\HudsonShakespeare.*

GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES:
The KENNEDY DANCERS
& Debra Ann Rivera
Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Bring your own chairs or blankets and some refreshments.